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THE HON. SRI K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" Orders have been communicated to the Postal and Railway authorities and they have already taken action on these matters."

Manganese ore exported from the Vizagapatam Port.

* 156 *Q*.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of manganese ore that was exported from Vizagapatam Port in 1947–48;

(*b*) to what countries it was exported;

(*c*) the names of the exporting firms; and

(*d*) whether the Government have any proposal to utilize the ore for any industry in the country?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) to (*c*) This Government have no information as 'exports' are controlled by the Government of India.

" (*d*) Manganese ore will be required if a steel factory is located in this Province, but we have more ores than we would need."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the erection of any steel factory in this Province is under the contemplation of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" This question relates to manganese ore exported from Vizagapatam? "

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" I want to know whether there is any proposal to erect a steel factory in this Province for the utilization of the manganese ore in that factory."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister may tell the hon. Member whether Government intend to start a steel factory in this Province."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" This Government has been in correspondence with the Government of India about the erection of a steel factory in South India. The Government of India propose to install one or two steel factories in India and the Madras Government are corresponding with them with regard to the location of one of those factories in this Province."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that ore is exported from our Province, is it not the duty of the Government of Madras to possess statistics of the ore that is being taken out of our Province? If not, will the Statistical Department be entrusted with the work of compiling statistics of whatever is exported from our Province? Statistics of such exports should be available to this House and to the Government because they are our resources."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I quite realize that they are our resources. But, export is a subject that is dealt

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with by the Government of India. We consider ourself as part of India. But, if it is considered necessary that the Provincial Government should compile statistics of all the things exported from this Province, that question will be taken up with the Statistical Department."

SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" If the quantity of manganese ore is more than what we require, what is the necessity to continue the controls on iron and steel? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It does not mean that you can get all the steel out of the ore."

Payment of dearness allowance to teachers.

* 157 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered payment of dearness allowance to teachers in elementary schools under all managements;

(*b*) what is the basis on which dearness allowance is to be paid to teachers in aided elementary schools;

(*c*) whether the managements are also required to revise the salaries of elementary school teachers and grant them weightage; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have agreed to increase grants-in-aid in deserving cases?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Dearness allowance is to be paid to teachers in aided elementary schools at the rates applicable to Government servants with effect from 1st January 1948, the actual amount payable to each teacher being fixed with reference to the scale of grant admissible to him.

" (*c*) All managements of elementary schools are required to pay the teachers under their employ in accordance with the revised scale of grants fixed by the Government with effect from 1st January 1947. It is open to the managements to give weightage for the services of teachers under them.

" (*d*) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that orders have been issued asking local bodies to give weightage in respect of teachers employed under them, will Government consider the desirability, in order to have a contented elementary school staff, of advising the different managements to give weightage also to the staff under them and to make good any loss that they sustain on that account by increased grants? ".